IN LOVING MEMORY OF

CONSTANCE LYNETTA WATSON CARTER



SUNSET
September 2nd, 2019

HOMEGOING SERVICE
Wednesday September 11th, 2019
Ephesians C.O.G.I.C
1709 Alcatraz, Berkeley CA

OBITUARY

Missionary Constance Lynetta Watson Carter was a beautiful, loving, spirit filled woman. Born in Oakland, California to loving parents, Pastor Birthon Watson and Mother Edna Mae Mitchell Watson, Constance was one of twelve Watson children, nine girls and three boys. Constance was raised in a holy household at 310 Oakland Ave, Oakland, CA.

Commonly known as Connie, she graduated from Edison Elementary, Westlake Junior High and Oakland High schools. While at Oakland High, Connie broke racial barriers by becoming the first African American head cheerleader. She was also active with the Omega Psi Phi youth program as well as a Links Cotillion Debutante. After high school, Connie received her bachelor's degree from San Francisco State University, Teachers Credential and later a Masters Degree. Connie married Elder Elton "Calvin" Carter. Calvin often referred to Connie as his sweetheart. This was made official by Elder Norton when he officiated their wedding nuptials at his residence in Hayward, California. From their union came a bouncing baby boy, Antwan Carter. Connie and Calvin were married 43 years.

Connie was a wife, mother, sister, daughter, aunt, educator and holy ghost filled evangelist. She was an ordained Missionary of the Church of God in Christ and member of True Holiness COGIC. Located on 9941 D street off 98th avenue in East Oakland, True Holiness was pastored by her father Reverend Birthon Watson while her mother, 1st Lady Mother Edna Mitchell Watson oversaw the Women's Department. As a young missionary, Connie was active in the church as the Director of the Youth Choir. She also ran the Home & Foreign Mission ministry, which later evolved into UNITY Outreach Ministries. UNITY Outreach is still currently active with the City of Oakland Mayor's Hunger Relief Program.

Later in life Connie became a member of Acts Full Gospel COGIC under Bishop Bob Jackson, where she remained committed to service and served as the Director of the Youth Choir. Connie was a peaceful person that steered away from confusion. She was slow to anger and rarely - if at all - engaged in arguments. Connie loved to sing and was an active participant of several gospel choirs including the award-winning Northern California State Youth Choir, known for their classic original rendition of *Oh Happy Day* under the direction of Betty Watson and musical arrangement by Edwin Hawkins.

As an educator for Oakland Unified School District, Connie taught in schools throughout the hills and flatlands of the Town. She retired from the Oakland Public School system after 35 years of classroom service. Missionary Connie Watson Carter was proceeded in heavenly transition by her parents, Pastor Birthon Watson, Edna Mae Mitchell Watson, sisters Missionary Betty Watson-Leonard, Mother Marion Watson Davis, Macletus "Cledie" Watson, brother Earl Edward Watson (post birth) and mother-in-law Catherine Scott. She leaves behind, her loving husband Elder Calvin Carter, only child Antwan Carter. From her immediate family: retired Foreign Affairs Diplomat Bobby L. Watson, Pastor James Watson, Sisters; Evangelist Edna Watson Wilborne, Missionary Doris Watson Wilborne, Mary Watson, Missionary Shirley Watson Lam Rutker, Cynthia Watson, brother-in-laws, Nelvin Scott and Elder Andrew Scott, several in-laws, close and distant cousins, uncles, aunts and countless nieces and nephews.

She will be missed each and every day by many.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude.....Robert Collier Jr.
Minister of Music

Processional..... The Family

Musical Selection .....Gayle Webb

Master of Ceremonies .....Elder Andrew Scott

Invocational Prayer .....Pastor Milton Starks

Scripture Readings .....Elder Paul Brown

Musical Selection .....Elder Ricky Hannah

Expressions & Reflections .....Ola Andrews
Missionary Ada Yarbrough
Arvie Ann Blackman
Evangelist Edna Watson Wilburn

Musical Selection.....Saxophonist Ric Alexander

Acknowledgements, Cards, Resolutions .....Missionary Nadine Scott

Obituary Reading .....Bro T.W. Williams

Son's Gentle Moment.....Antwan Carter

Musical Selection .....Pastor Benjamin Blackman

Eulogy .....Pastor Al Williams

Recessional

Repass:
Ephesians Fellowship Hall

PSALMS 23:1
"THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD, I SHALL NOT WANT"

